

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3314**

March 30, 2023

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Transportation, Housing and Urban  
Development, and Related Agencies

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Transportation, Housing and Urban  
Development, and Related Agencies

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting funding for the Charlotte Advanced Manufacturing Partnership Innovation Outreach Network (CHAMPION) project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Centralina Economic Development District Inc., located at 10735 David Taylor Drive, Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28262. The funding would be used to develop a regional partnership between industry, higher education, and innovation leaders for the purposes of bolstering the advanced manufacturing workforce in the Charlotte area. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will help facilitate economic development and prepare the workforce for increased federal investments in domestic manufacturing.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes consistent with, and supportive of NIST's mission, and aligned with the functions described by Title 15 § 272 (b)(1) of the US Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Jeff Jackson  
Member of Congress